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Lenexa, Kansas 66219

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Article No.: 7012 1640 0001 7091 7439

Steve Walensky  
Public Works  
Cassville WWTP  
300 Main Street  
Cassville, Missouri 65625

Re: DMR-QA Study 33 reporting requirements  
NPDES No.: MO0042579

Dear Mr. Walensky:

**Letter of Warning**

On or about February 15, 2013, the Environmental Protection Agency transmitted to you, under the authority of Section 308 of the Clean Water Act, an information packet for the Discharge Monitoring Report-Quality Assurance Study Number 33. Within the packet was a schedule with required reporting dates, which have now passed, for the study results. As of the date of this letter, the EPA has not received the information required. We are resending with this letter a copy of the DMR-QA 33 packet for your convenience.

The following reports were to have been submitted by the dates below:

August 26, 2013 – The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permittee Data Report Form (pages 10 and 11), the Chemistry/Microbiology/WET checklists (pages 12 and 13), and, if any sample test results were found to be “Not Acceptable”, the order for any required retest samples had to be placed.

Because your facility failed to submit these reports by the stated deadlines, the following reporting schedule is now required:

- 1) Your facility shall submit within **10 days** of receipt of this letter the completed DMR-QA 33 packet, however,
- 2) Should your facility not have begun the DMR-QA 33 analysis requirements, then the following must occur:



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- a. Within **10 days** submit a letter showing proof of purchase of the appropriate proficiency testing samples for the in-house analysis your facility performs, along with a statement explaining the reason for failing to meet the initial dates cited above, and/or,
- b. If you rely on an outside laboratory to analyze the proficiency testing samples, **immediately** notify them that they need to provide you with the results of their proficiency testing, and,
- c. Immediately upon receipt of the graded proficiency testing samples obtained from your contract laboratory, or receipt of the report from the laboratory grading your in-house sample analysis, provide copies to the EPA.

All information should be submitted by U.S. mail to:

Robert Bryant  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Water, Wetlands and Pesticides Division  
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Should retests be required, the retests are to be performed by the laboratory that received an unacceptable result for any parameter listed on your facilities NPDES permit. Along with the graded result an investigative report which outlines the possible cause(s) of the unacceptable result and steps to prevent in the future is required to be submitted with the new results.

Although no further follow-up action is contemplated by the EPA at this time, please note that the EPA reserves its right to pursue appropriate remedies for violations including penalties for failure to comply with the reporting requirement of the DMR-QA 33 study.

If you have any questions regarding this Letter of Warning, please contact Robert Bryant, the member of my staff most familiar with the DMR-QA program, at 913-551-7354 or via email at [bryant.robert@epa.gov](mailto:bryant.robert@epa.gov).

Sincerely,



Karen A. Flourney  
Director  
Water, Wetlands and Pesticides

Enclosure

cc: Paul Dickerson, MDNR